

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
**FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF**  
October 31, 2014

Please be sure your children carry a flash light and only walk on sidewalks when trick or treating. (It is recommended they are not out after dark.) The children should only approach houses with their porch lights on showing they welcome Trick or Treaters. Please take safety seriously on Halloween.

Election day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Please exercise your right to vote for the candidates of your choice.

**Dates to Remember:**

November 4, 2014	Election Day
November 11, 2014	Veteran's Day (City offices closed)
November 12, 2014	City Commission Workshop (note change of date)
November 17, 2014	City Commission Meeting
November 27 & 28, 2014	City Thanksgiving holidays (residential garbage will be picked up Friday)

**Staff Reports**

**Library Director Barrett reports:**

- The Microsoft IT Academy will begin on Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The cost is \$20.00 for registration and \$50.00 for instructions. The cost of the exam will be discounted for those with Hendry County Library cards. That price will be \$100.00 per application including one re-sit. Without the library card the cost will be \$100.00 per application and \$50.00 for re-sits. Day and evening class schedule follows:
  - a) Mondays and Wednesdays – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (11/10/14 – 12/17/14)
  - b) Mondays and Thursdays – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (11/10/14 – 12/22/14)

Each application will be taught for 5 weeks for a total of 20 hours.

- Residents of Montura are encouraged to get signed up for a library card. Special efforts are being made to reach that population with library services. They may sign up for cards any Wednesday evening at the Club House between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. They may also view a selection of books and DVDs for loan on the spot. Holds for other items can also be placed as well as items returned there.
- Our ESL class is going very well and the students are enjoying special training using the English Emersion software to learn how to speak English.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Patrol has worked very hard on street level drug arrests this week. They succeeded in making a number of arrests.

- One inebriated fellow forced his girlfriend drive him to a local fast food establishment over the weekend, knowing full well she had a suspended license. Upon being stopped by police for a traffic infraction, the woman was cited, the man arrested, and the vehicle was towed.
- Last weekend kept officers busy going from call to call with neighbors complaining about loud and disorderly Halloween parties. We expect more of the same this weekend. Extra officers will be out, tasked with keeping the children safe.
- Chief Gutshall made an appointment to travel over to Lake Clarke Shores PD next week. Their PD has held Code Enforcement responsibilities for a few years and the intent is to pick up some pointers and watch their process. Hopefully we can use some of their ideas back home.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
  - 1116** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
  - 617** Complaints Investigated
  - 21** Arrests Made
  - 58** Traffic Citations Issued
  - 26** Warnings Issued
  - 22** City Ordinance / Code Violations
  - 39** Red Light Camera Violations
  - 63** Merchant Escorts Provided
  - 10** Alarms Responded To
  - 2** Traffic Accidents Investigated

**Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: Mosquito activity is high. Several complaints have been logged. Truck ULV will run Wednesday night, October 29. There will be an aerial spray on Thursday, October 30, Truck ULV will run Friday morning. Hot spots will be treated Friday night. Parents keep your children safe. Cover exposed skin with light clothing and/or a mosquito repellent.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff has been picking up trash this week. So we will be nice and clean for the big weekend. (2) Staff has been working on the judges' platform and float for the Homecoming Parade.
- 2015 Paving project: Contractor says he could be here within the next week to ten days.
- Holiday Decorations: City staff is gearing up to make Clewiston beautiful for the holiday season. Local business and residents are encouraged to decorate your homes and business fronts with lights. Let's get back to the days when riding around town and looking at all the lights was the thing to do.

**Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Electric Crew rewired all lights at the football field. They also trimmed trees in the Harlem area.
- The Water/Sewer crew completed the hydrant flushing this week.
- Lineman Joe Kane recently completed the 3 year Powerline Workers Apprentice Program. All of our linemen have now completed this important training.
- John Deere "Gators" have been purchased to replace the meter reader's trucks and were placed into service this week.

- Weeds were sprayed at Woodworks Park and fire hydrants were painted on the north and south sides of town.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City's website page [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION!** Visit our office today.
- **ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE!** You can register your account by visiting our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl>. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders.